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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU ANNOUNCES AVAILABILITY OF PROCESSING SOURCE CODE FOR THE CONNECT AMERICA COST MODEL'S NETWORK TOPOLOGY APPLICATIONS

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Today, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) announces that the processing source code for the CostQuest LandLine (CQLL) and CostQuest Middle Mile (CQMM) applications is available upon request.[1] The CQLL and CQMM develop the network topology for the Connect America Cost Model (CAM).[2] The CAM allows Commission staff and interested parties to calculate costs based on a series of inputs and assumptions for Connect America Phase II implementation.[3]

The CQLL develops a wireline network topology from the demand point back to the Central Office, while the CQMM develops the network middle mile topologies between each Central Office in a state to a location where Internet peering can occur.[4] When parties create a solution set using the CAM's fiber-to-the-premises network topology, they are loading both CQLL and CQMM-derived databases into the CAM.[5]

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[1] The Bureau is making available the processing source code for the versions of CQLL and CQMM that have been utilized by version 3 of the Connect America Cost Model and all subsequent versions of the Connect America Cost Model to date. *See Wireline Competition Bureau Announces Availability of Version Three of the Connect America Fund Phase II Cost Model*, WC Docket No. 10-90, Public Notice, 28 FCC Rcd 2316 (Wireline Comp. Bur. 2013); *Wireline Competition Bureau Announces Availability of Version 3.1 of the Connect America Fund Phase II Cost Model*, WC Docket No. 10-90, Public Notice, 28 FCC Rcd 5707 (Wireline Comp. Bur. 2013); *Wireline Competition Bureau Announces Availability of Version 3.1.2 of the Connect America Fund Phase II Cost Model and Adds Additional Discussion Topics to Connect America Cost Model Virtual Workshop*, WC Docket No. 10-90, Public Notice, 28 FCC Rcd 8186 (Wireline Comp. Bur. 2013); *Wireline Competition Bureau Announces Availability of Version 3.1.3 of the Connect America Fund Phase II Cost Model,* WC Docket No. 10-90, Public Notice, 28 FCC Rcd 8884 (Wireline Comp. Bur. 2013); *Wireline Competition Bureau Announces Availability of Version 3.1.4 of the Connect America Fund Phase II Cost Model, Illustrative Results, and Updated Methodology Documentation*, WC Docket No. 10-90, Public Notice, 28 FCC Rcd 9049 (Wireline Comp. Bur. 2013).

[2] The Bureau released an order adopting key engineering assumptions for the CAM earlier this year. *See Connect America Fund; High-Cost Universal Service Support*, WC Docket Nos. 10-90, 05-337, Report and Order, 28 FCC Rcd 5301 (Wireline Comp. Bur. 2013).

[3] *See Connect America Fund et al.*, WC Docket No. 10-90 et al., Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 26 FCC Rcd 17663, 17673-74, paras. 23-25 (2011), *pets. for review pending sub nom. In re: FCC 11-161,* No. 11-9900 (10th Cir. filed Dec. 8, 2011).

[4] *See* CostQuest Associates, Inc., *Connect America Cost Model Methodology*, at Section 4 & Apps. 1-2 (June 21, 2013), http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2013/db0624/DOC-321774A1.pdf.

[5] *Id.*

Parties who have signed the confidentiality and nondisclosure documents released as attachments to the Third Supplemental Protective Order may request access to CQLL and CQMM's processing source code by sending an email to CACMsupport@costquest.com .[6] Parties who follow this procedure will receive a digital rights management protected PDC format file (a form of secure PDF) containing the processing source code for CQLL and CQMM.[7]

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[6] *Connect America Fund*, WC Docket 10-90, Third Supplemental Protective Order, 27 FCC Rcd 15277 (Wireline Comp. Bur. 2012).

[7] Parties will also receive a licensing file that will need to be installed to verify the authenticity of the user's license.